ing officers as you may judge most proper. Col Smith has c. c. undertaken the carriage of this money, which I hope you will receive in a few Days. It is the earnest request of Congress that the Battalions from each State, should be filled up as early this spring as possible. Maryland I hope will not be backward. The draught of the Militia recommended by Congress I fear will meet with many obsticles in the Legislature. Should that measure fail, I am at a loss to discover what expedient can be fallen upon. The Expedition into Canada is suspended. Gen¹ Burgoyne and two of his officers upon his earnest request to Congress is permitted to embark for England. Enclosed you have a copy of the resolve upon which the ten thousand dollars mentioned above was granted, by which you will see, part of the money is to be applied towards paying the premium for taking up deserters.

I am Sir your very hb^h Serv^t
I Henry Jun^t

Saturday 7 March 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Charles Jones, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Edward Burgess Aeneas Campbell, William Deakins Elisha Williams Joseph Wilson, Samuel Wade Magruder, James Offutt, Gerard Briscoe, Richard Thompson, Walter Beall, Henry Gaither John Wilson, George Cullam William Baker and Zachariah Waters appointed Justices of the Peace for Montg^y County also to Charles Jones, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Edward Burgess Eneas Campbell and William Deakins Justices of the Orphans Court for Montg^y County.

Sir.

Information being received that one Elisha Everitt who was inlisted in the Service of this State in the Regiment commanded by Smallwood is a prisoner in Montgomery Jail charged with Horse stealing, you are desired and Authorised to stay any Criminal prosecution against the said Elisha Everitt of or for the said Offence and accordingly enter a Noli prosequi in his favor on his enlisting into the first Maryland Continental Regiment now Commanded by Col Stone

To the Attorney General of Maryland or the Prosecutor of Montg^y Co^{ty} Court.

It appearing from Accounts Lodged by John Chalmers that the Public is considerably indebted to him which Accounts cannot now be settled. It is Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said John Chalmers three hundred and